

7 March 2012

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Dear Adjunct Professor

Re: VCAT Tribunal Hearing - Dr Patrick Dewan

The purpose of this letter is to reply, on behalf of Dr J Flynn to your letter to her dated 22 February 2012. Dr Flynn has requested that I respond to the issues you have raised in your letter.

Dr Dewan's matter is before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) because Dr Dewan has sought review in the VCAT of a decision of a Formal Hearing of the former Medical Practitioner's Board of Victoria. The matter has been brought to the VCAT by Dr Dewan. The Medical Board of Australia is the respondent in the matter.

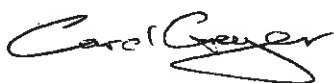
The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) provides administrative support to the 10 Health Practitioner Boards, whose processes are governed by the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) Act 2009* (the National Law). There is no pursuit (or witch hunt) of Dr Dewan by AHPRA as your letter suggests.

I note that you firmly believe no more money should be wasted on *the pursuit of Dr Dewan through any legal body as this must be seen as throwing good money after bad and will not produce any fair or reasonable outcome.*

I advise, as stated above that the Medical Board of Australia is the respondent in the matter and has been brought to the VCAT by Dr Dewan. The matter could be concluded if Dr Dewan chose not to seek review in the VCAT.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, should you require any further information you may contact me on 8708 9049.

Yours sincerely



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